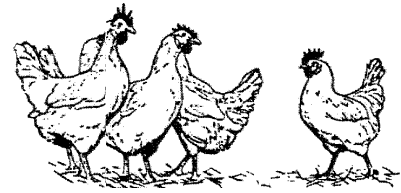


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## U.S. MAY EGG PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT

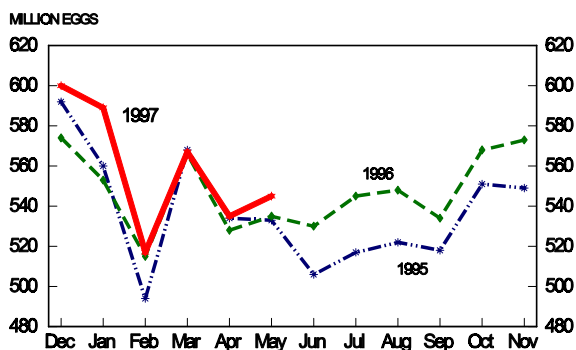
U.S. egg production totaled 6.50 billion during May 1997, up 3 percent from the 6.34 billion produced in 1996. Production included 5.46 billion table eggs and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 978 million were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 1997 averaged 301 million, up 2 percent from the average number of layers during May 1996. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,157 eggs, compared with 2,153 in May 1996.

All layers in the U.S. on June 1, 1997 totaled 301 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 301 million layers consisted of 245 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 53.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 1997 averaged 70.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.5 a year ago.

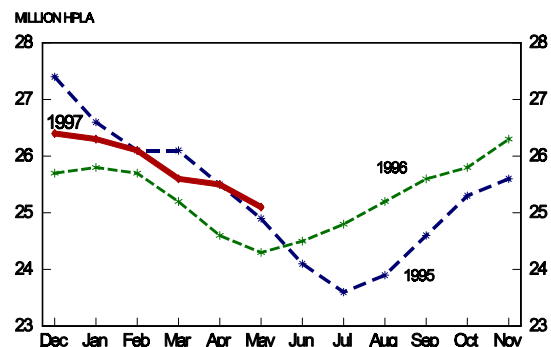
## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during May totaled 545 million, 10.0 million more than last month and last April. Average number of layers during the month averaged 25.1 million, 2 percent below April 1997. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,172, compared to 2,100 last month and 2,202 in May 1996.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1994-1997



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1994-1997



## LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING MAY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF JUNE 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	-- Thousands --		-- Number --		-- Millions --		-- Percent --			
Alabama	10,566	11,092	1,978	1,983	209	220	3.0	2.0	9.5	8.0
Arkansas	15,204	14,469	1,934	1,901	294	275	3.5	1.0	9.5	10.5
California	24,300	25,096	2,202	2,172	535	545	5.0	11.0	43.0	38.0
Georgia	18,225	19,623	2,052	2,033	374	399	5.5	3.0	21.5	20.5
Indiana	21,288	21,094	2,189	2,233	466	471	3.5	4.5	21.0	18.5
Iowa	18,538	21,470	2,249	2,278	417	489	5.0	2.5	32.0	26.0
North Carolina	13,021	12,807	1,943	1,944	253	249	3.5	3.5	10.5	9.0
Ohio	23,866	25,706	2,258	2,287	539	588	3.5	2.0	8.5	12.0
Pennsylvania	20,565	21,308	2,256	2,314	464	493	6.0	4.5	19.0	17.0
Texas	15,985	16,795	2,089	2,078	334	349	4.5	3.5	21.0	19.5
United States	294,458	301,446	2,153	2,157	6,340	6,501	4.7	4.4	22.2	20.8

### U.S. BROILER HATCH UP 3 PERCENT

The May 1997 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 721 million, was up 3 percent from May of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 596 million on June 1, 1997, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.06 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 1997, up 4 percent from May 1996.

### U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP 1 PERCENT

Egg-type chicks hatched during May totaled 38.9 million, up 1 percent from May 1996. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.4 million on June 1, 1997, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 268 thousand during May 1997, down 8 percent from the 291 thousand of May 1996.

#### BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MAY

State	1996	1997	<u>1997</u> 1996
- Thousands -			
Alabama	89,627	94,894	106
Arkansas	105,263	108,182	103
Delaware	16,169	16,820	104
Florida	9,936	9,268	93
Georgia	104,220	107,889	104
Maryland	31,598	31,733	100
Mississippi	59,292	65,266	110
North Carolina	64,300	63,423	99
Pennsylvania	12,283	13,258	108
South Carolina	15,266	15,615	102
Texas	42,912	44,925	105
Virginia	23,280	24,700	106
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	36,198	36,254	100
Washington & Oregon	6,314	6,626	105
Other States 1/	83,898	81,757	97
UNITED STATES	700,556	720,610	103

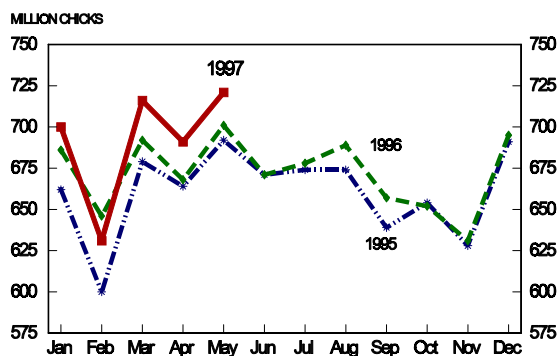
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#### EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MAY

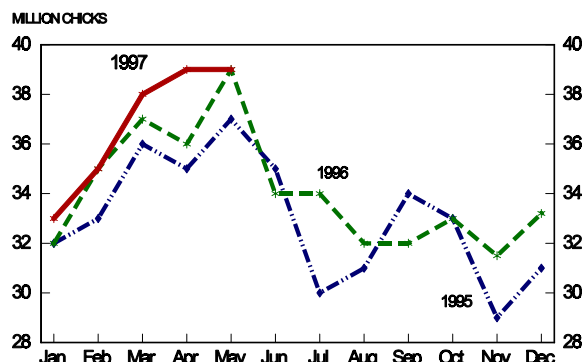
State	1996	19967	<u>1997</u> 1996
- Thousands -			
Arkansas	1,001	934	93
Florida	1,367	1,372	100
Georgia	2,275	2,068	91
Indiana	8,196	7,667	94
Iowa	3,760	4,105	109
Kansas	265	249	94
Minnesota	2,179	2,234	103
Missouri	414	407	98
Pennsylvania	4,410	4,967	113
Other States 1/	14,740	14,888	101
UNITED STATES	38,607	38,891	101

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#### BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1995-1997



#### EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1995-1997



#### EGGS IN INCUBATORS, JUNE 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1996	1997	<u>1997</u> 1996	1996	1997	<u>1997</u> 1996
-- Thousands --						
Percent						
North Atlantic	11,769	12,251	104	4,614	5,826	126
East No. Central	8,776	7,346	84	8,573	8,438	98
West No. Central	22,461	22,704	101	6,132	6,311	103
South Atlantic	222,505	232,384	104	4,525	4,548	101
South Central	285,486	299,002	105	3,313	2,987	90
West	22,435	22,689	101	4,806	5,304	110
UNITED STATES	573,432	596,376	104	31,963	33,414	105

# QUARTERLY LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION -- MARCH THROUGH MAY

Geographic Division	Average Number of Layers on Hand:			Total Eggs Produced		
	1996	1997	1997/1996	1996	1997	1997/1996
	-- Thousands --		Percent	-- Thousands --		Percent
Alabama	10,734	10,864	101	625	642	103
Arkansas	15,570	14,663	94	881	822	93
California	24,715	25,374	103	1,629	1,647	101
Georgia	18,632	19,839	106	1,157	1,218	105
Indiana	21,430	21,042	98	1,407	1,403	100
Iowa	18,430	21,178	115	1,220	1,405	115
North Carolina	13,438	12,750	95	769	740	96
Ohio	23,668	26,030	110	1,614	1,768	110
Pennsylvania	20,908	21,120	101	1,424	1,465	103
Texas	16,143	16,704	103	1,013	1,040	103
United States	296,424	302,415	102	19,078	19,436	102

## POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The May average prices received by California producers, when compared to April average prices, decreased one and one-half cents for broilers. Prices for live turkeys increased one cent per pound. Prices for market eggs decreased six cents per dozen.

Nationally, the May average prices received by producers decreased below one cent per pound for broilers, but increased one and three-quarters cents per pound for live turkeys. Market eggs decreased two and one-tenth cents per dozen.

## POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	May 15, 1996	Apr. 15, 1997	May 15, 1997
--- Cents ---				
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	34.5	39.0	37.5
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	52.0	56.0	50.0
Turkeys	Lb.	40.0	38.0	39.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	37.8	37.1	36.4
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	56.9	53.2	51.1
Turkeys	Lb.	43.2	39.5	41.2

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

## U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on June 1, 1997 in the United States totaled 36.7 million, down 4 percent from June 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up slightly from the revised May 1 total of 36.5 million. Regional percent changes from the previous year were: E N Central, down 2; W N Central, up 6; N & S Atlantic, down 9; S Central, down 6; West, down 11. The 29.1 million poult placed during May 1997 in the United States were down 2 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 3 percent from the April 1997 total of 28.2 million. Regional percent changes from the previous year were: E N Central, up 5; W N Central, up 3; N & S Atlantic, down 8; S Central, up 2; West, down 4.

## ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators June 1		1997 1996	Poults Placed during May 1/		1997 1996
	1996	1997		1996	1997	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
East No. Central	5,134	5,021	98	3,814	3,987	105
West No. Central	10,908	11,510	106	8,460	8,674	103
No. & So. Atlantic	13,434	12,234	91	10,621	9,763	92
So. Central	4,182	3,951	94	3,428	3,496	102
West	4,470	3,989	89	3,345	3,200	96
U.S.	38,128	36,705	96	29,668	29,120	98

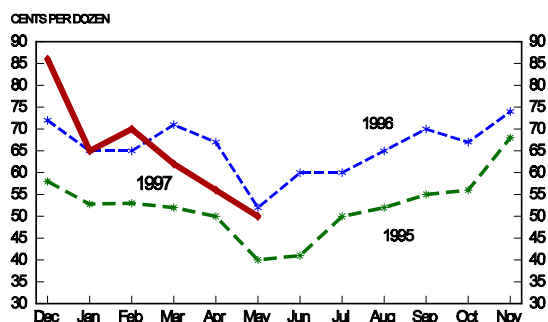
1/ Excludes exported poults.

## TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		96-97 95-96	Cumulative Total		96-97 95-96
	1995-96	1996-97		1995-96	1996-97	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	23,371	24,154	103	23,371	24,154	103
Oct.	25,158	25,354	101	48,529	49,508	102
Nov.	24,619	23,830	97	73,148	73,338	100
Dec.	25,269	27,119	107	98,417	100,457	102
Jan.	27,391	27,130	99	125,808	127,587	101
Feb.	27,596	27,152	98	153,404	154,739	101
Mar.	27,932	27,607	99	181,336	182,346	101
Apr.	29,725	28,180	95	211,061	210,526	100
May	29,668	29,120	98	240,729	239,646	100
June	27,987			268,716		
July	28,913			297,629		
Aug.	27,496			325,125		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

## MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1994-1997



**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	May 1996	April 1997 <u>a/</u>	May 1997	<u>May 1997</u> May 1996	<u>May 1997</u> Apr. 1997
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>		---- Thousands ----			-- Percent --	
Turkeys	Lbs.	63,754	64,733	73,639	116	114
Chickens	Lbs.	41,305	50,196	49,329	119	98
Ducks	Lbs.	388	408	125	32	31
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	105,447	115,337	123,093	117	107
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eggs, Shell	Cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	587,438	543,274	611,994	104	113
Chickens	Lbs.	655,239	744,259	738,632	113	99
Ducks	Lbs.	2,334	2,582	3,226	138	125
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,245,011	1,290,115	1,353,852	109	105
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	11,406	8,485	8,374	73	99
Eggs, Shell	Cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

a/ Revised.